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Chapter 11

LTL MANAGEMENT, LLC,

In re:

Debtor.

Honorable Michael B. Kaplan

Case No.: 23-12825(MBK)

ORDER AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF HOULIHAN LOKEY CAPITAL, INC. AS INVESTMENT BANKER TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF TALC CLAIMANTS UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 328(a) EFFECTIVE APRIL 14, 2023

The relief set forth on the following pages is **ORDERED**.

This Court, having considered (i) the Application of the Official Committee of Talc Claimants to retain Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc. ("Houlihan Lokey") as Investment Banker (the "Application"), and (ii) the Declaration of Saul E. Burian in Support of Application for Retention of Houlihan Lokey, Inc. as Investment Banker to the Official Committee of Talc Claimants Effective April 14, 2023 (the "Burian Declaration") and that no further hearing on the Application is required, it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. The Application is GRANTED, as set forth herein.
- 2. The applicant is authorized to retain the above party in the professional capacity noted.

The professional's address is: Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc.

245 Park Avenue, 20th Floor

New York, NY 10167

- 3. The compensation provisions of Houlihan Lokey's Engagement Agreement (the "Agreement"), including with respect to the Monthly Fee, Minimum Fee, Deferred Fee, any Discretionary Fee awarded, and expense reimbursement are hereby approved pursuant to Section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code subject to this paragraph and paragraph 5 herein. Houlihan Lokey shall file monthly fee statements, interim fee applications and final fee applications for allowance of its compensation and expenses in accordance with the procedures set forth in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, and any compensation guidelines or other orders established by the Court. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of the Agreement, payments can only be made upon the filing of a monthly fee statement, interim fee application or final fee application and will be subject to final approval of the Court.
- 4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Court and U.S. Trustee retain all rights to review and object to Houlihan Lokey's interim and final fee applications (including expense reimbursement and any request for counsel fees) based on the reasonableness standard in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, not section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the Agreement to the contrary, the Court retains its rights to sua sponte review and raise objections to Houlihan Lokey's request for payment of the Deferred Fee (as defined in the Agreement) and, as may be applicable, the Discretionary Fee (as defined in the Agreement).

- 5. To avoid the potential duplication of services with those services performed by FTI Consulting, Inc. ("FTI") as the proposed financial consulting firm retained by the Committee, the following system shall be implemented to determine the distribution of work relating to the bankruptcy case and related proceedings. First, a small group of senior professionals at Houlihan Lokey and FTI shall confer to determine work strategy and tasks, in consultation with the Committee's counsel, the Committee members, and their designated representatives. Second, Houlihan Lokey and FTI will coordinate responsibility for completing any applicable task. Third, to the extent any work product related to a task is relevant to the other's work or advice for the Committee, such work product shall be shared with Houlihan Lokey or FTI, as applicable, so that both Houlihan Lokey and FTI have the benefit of the other's relevant analysis and work product.
- 6. In light of the services to be provided by Houlihan Lokey and the compensation structure in the Agreement, Houlihan Lokey and its professionals shall be excused from: (i) any requirement to maintain or provide detailed time records in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) and the United States Trustee Fee Guidelines; and (ii) conforming with a schedule of hourly rates for its professionals. Instead, notwithstanding that Houlihan Lokey does not charge for its services on an hourly basis, Houlihan Lokey will nonetheless maintain reasonably detailed time records in 1.0 hour increments containing descriptions of those services rendered for the Committee, and the individuals who provided those services, and will present such records together with its interim and final fee applications filed with the Court.
- 7. The indemnification, contribution, reimbursement and exculpation provisions set forth in the Agreement, are approved on a final basis, subject to the following provisions during the pendency of this case:
  - a. subject to the provisions of subparagraphs (b) and (c) below and approval of the Court, the Debtor is authorized to indemnify, and shall indemnify, Houlihan Lokey for any claims arising from, related to, or in connection with the services to be provided by Houlihan Lokey as specified in the Application, but not for any claim arising from, related to, or in connection with Houlihan Lokey's post-petition performance of any other services (other than those in connection with the

- engagement), unless such other post-petition services and indemnification therefore are approved by this Court; and any other HL Party may seek a further Order; and
- b. the Debtor shall have no obligation to indemnify Houlihan Lokey, or provide contribution or reimbursement to Houlihan Lokey, for any claim or expense that is either (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from Houlihan Lokey's fraud, bad faith, gross negligence, self-dealing or willful misconduct, (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtor alleges the breach of Houlihan Lokey's contractual obligations if the Court determines that indemnification, contribution or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to In re United Artists Theatre Co., 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003), or (iii) settled without the Debtor's consent prior to a judicial determination as to the exclusions set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) above, but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing pursuant to subparagraph (c) infra, to be a claim or expense for which Houlihan Lokey is not entitled to receive indemnity, contribution or reimbursement under the terms of the Agreement as modified by this Order; and
- c. if, before the earlier of (i) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in this case (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), and (ii) the entry of an order closing this chapter 11 case, Houlihan Lokey or any HL Party believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtor on account of the Debtor's indemnification, contribution and/or reimbursement obligations under the Agreement (as modified by this Order), including, without limitation, the advancement of defense costs, such HL Party must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtor may not pay any such amounts to such HL Party before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This subparagraph (c) is intended only to specify the period of time under which the Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by HL Parties for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement, and not as a provision limiting the duration of the Debtor's obligation to indemnify the HL Parties.
- d. The provisions of subparagraphs (a) (c) shall be without prejudice to the right of any HL Party to seek approval from the Court to require indemnification, contribution or reimbursement from the Debtor in accordance with, and subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to Houlihan Lokey pursuant to the Agreement and this Order. For purposes of this Interim Order, HL Parties shall refer to Houlihan Lokey and its affiliates

- 8. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by the HL Parties for indemnification.
- 9. Notwithstanding any provisions in the Agreement to the contrary, the contribution obligations of the HL Parties shall not be limited to the aggregate amount of fees actually received by Houlihan Lokey from the Debtor pursuant to the Agreement.
- 10. No fees shall be nonrefundable or earned upon receipt in consideration of Houlihan Lokey's acceptance of the engagement, except by Order of the Court.
- 11. Houlihan Lokey is entitled to reimbursement by the Debtor for reasonable expenses incurred in this Chapter 11 Case subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement and as provided by this Order.
- 12. None of the fees payable to Houlihan Lokey shall constitute a "bonus" or fee enhancement under applicable law, except where authorized by this Order.
- 13. In the event Houlihan Lokey seeks to use any of its affiliates to perform services for the Committee and intends to seek compensation for such services, the Committee shall seek the separate retention of any such affiliates.
- 14. All rights to object to any request for reimbursement of expenses are reserved, including but not limited to any request for the reimbursement of legal fees of outside counsel.
- 15. To the extent that there may be any inconsistency between the terms of the Application, the Certifications, the Agreement, and the First Fee Amendment and this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.
- 16. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, the Agreement may not be terminated unless by order of the Court. Any such Order approving termination may be sought by motion on shortened notice and may be deemed retroactive to the date such motion or notice of termination is filed with the Court or such earlier date as may be appropriate.

- 17. The Committee and Houlihan Lokey are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.
- 18. The Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.
- 19. The effective date of retention is April 14, 2023.